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Washington, June 9, 1854.

My Dear Wife:

If I am not dreaming, I am at last in the Capital of the United States. Right from the cars, this forenoon, Judge Bond of Baltimore and Tilton took me up to the White House, and forthwith introduced me to the President, who was receiving a group of persons fresh from the Baltimore Convention, congratulating him on his re-nomination. He received me very heartily, and expressed a desire to see me again, and I expect to do so to-morrow. He referred to my imprisonment in Baltimore thirty-four years ago, and said — "Then, you could not get out of prison; now you cannot get in" — referring playfully to the demolition of the old prison. I was at once surrounded with a larger group of persons than even himself, and introduced to a large number of from various parts of the country, many of them of more or less prominence. Leaving the East Room, we went to see Secretary Stanton, and had a long private interview with him of a most interesting character. I was very much pleased with him, and have no doubt of his thoroughgoing anti-slavery spirit and purpose. But I cannot give particulars.



Secretary Chase is out of the city. Neither Seward nor Blair will get a call.

From the White House, we then went to the Capitol, and there found Congress in session. We sent in our cards to Sumner and Wilson, who instantly came out and insisted on our going upon the floor of the Senate, where we really had ~~no~~ right to be. Sumner conducted me to John P. Hale's chair, which I occupied for some time - Hale not being present. A great number of the Senators were introduced to me, among them were Fessenden, Wade, Wilkinson, Morgan, &c. Quite a sensation was produced by my presence. Sumner and Wilson were exceedingly marked in their attentions.

Tilton and I went afterward to see where we could find a room at the principal hotel to occupy, but our application was in vain. Every hotel is more than full. Fortunately for us, Senator Wilson insisted on our coming to his hotel, (the Washington,) and by his influence got a room for us. We have dined and taken tea with Wilson, who is unremitting in his attentions. To-morrow we shall go to the House of Representatives - to Arlington Heights - &c., &c. I may remain here until Monday, or leave on Saturday, but shall probably not be at home until next week Thursday or Friday. Let nothing be said in the Liberator about this. God bless and preserve you all! Farewell, dearest! Your loving Husband.